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Vital Statistics.

Number of births 152, 74 males, 78 females.

Birth rate 18.2 per 1000 of population.

Infant mortality 46.05 per 1000 births.

Number of deaths all ages 113, 55 Males, 58 Females.

Death rate is 15.20 per 1000 of population.

Number of deaths under one year 7.

Deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis 6.

Cancer 5. Heart Disease 14. Pneumonia 6.

Bronchitis 6. Influenza 17. Enteric 1.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur. Penn

N.O.N., Westminster Rural District.

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